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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2008, setting forth a new requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute Group A, claims 1-10, 12, drawn to a method for detecting a cancer, by detecting the inhibin protein. Applicants further provisionally elect within Group A, neoplasm of prostate, for continued prosecution.

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